

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 133, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Address to:	Application Number: 09/521,037
Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Filing Date: March 8, 2000
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	Group Art Unit: 2855
	Examiner Name: Lilybett Martir
	Attorney Docket Number: MOF-11

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 OFF. Gaz. Pat. Office 17 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted  
 i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 21, 2002 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be

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 02 FC:2253 465.00 CH Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed  
 i.  Amendment/Reply  
 ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2.  Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3.  **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.

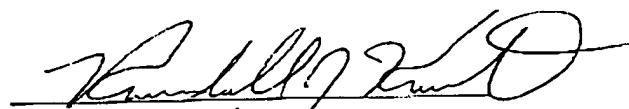
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i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other Applicant reminds the Examiner of the previous claim regarding small entity status. A reduction of % for filing by small entity (see 37 CFR 1.27).

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,



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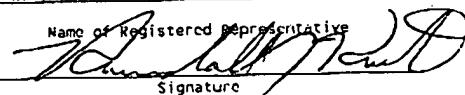
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